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Sir:

In connection with the Office Action dated September 22, 2004 in the above-entitled application, Applicants respectfully request a one (1) month extension in which to file a response, from December 22, 2004 to January 22, 2005. (Note that with the one month Extension of Time, the due date for filing this Amendment was January 22, 2005; however, since this due date fell on a Saturday, the Amendment is being timely filed on Monday, January 24, 2005.)

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The fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is submitted herewith. Also, please provide any further extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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